

XA-9415 PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hirotaka NISHIZAWA et al.

Appln. No.: 09/756,867

Group Art Unit: 2876

Filed: January 10, 2001 Examiner: J. Fureman

For: IC CARD

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2003, and to the requirement for election of species therein, Applicants hereby elect Group I (Figs. 1(A), 2(A), 3(A), 4(A), 5(A) and 12) for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants' Japanese representative has advised that Claims 1-7, 12 and 13 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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